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Horticulture Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of horticulture products including fruits and vegetables have witnessed highest growth during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the targets fixed for the current year;

(c) the State-wise details of the total production of fruits and vegetables in the country during the last three years along with the targets fixed for the current year and the steps taken to achieve the same;

(d) the details of the schemes/programmes implemented/being implemented in order to increase the production and productivity of fruits and vegetables;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce new techniques for increasing the production of fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to assist fruits and vegetables growers in marketing so that they can get remunerative prices for their produce and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The production of horticulture products, including fruits and vegetables have witnessed growth during the last few years.

(b): Growth of total horticultural crops, including fruits and vegetables, during the last three years and expected to growth in the current year is as under:-

Years Growth Rate (%) in Total Horticulture
2013-14 3.2
2014-15 1.3
2015-16 1.9
2016-17 (Provisional) 3.1

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(c) & (d): The State-wise details of the total production of fruits and vegetables in the country during the last three years along with the provisional estimates for the current year are at Annexure-I. Various steps taken to achieve the same alongwith the details of schemes/programmes being implemented in order to increase the production and productivity of fruits and vegetables are at Annexure-II.

(e): The Government is promoting research through ICAR and associated Institutes to undertake basic strategic, applied and adaptive research on horticultural crops in the country. Based on these research findings, Government introduces new innovative techniques like protected cultivation for nursery production and vegetable production, use of micronutrient formulation and development of crop-specific micronutrients in different vegetables and fruits production, new hybrid varieties for higher production etc so as to have higher production of fruits and vegetables.

(f): Steps taken by the government to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers producing horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables are as under:

â€¢ Assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing such as storages, wholesale markets, rural primary market, Kisan Mandies, etc.

â€¢ Facilitating direct marketing, contract farming, setting up of private markets, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.

â€¢ Implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities including fruit and vegetables under which losses, if any, are shared between the Central Government and the State Government concerned, on 50:50 basis.

â€¢ Providing market information to farmers on prices and arrivals of agricultural commodities in regulated markets on AGMARKNET portal to enable the farmers to get better remunerative prices.